



## Mooretown Minor Hockey Association



“The Home of the Jr. Flags  
and the Juvenile International Silver Stick® Finals”

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### AP GUIDELINE

To aid in the development of players and to ensure teams are able to ice competitive teams, Mooretown Minor Hockey Association encourages coaches to use an Affiliated Player (AP) Roster.

#### **What is an AP player?**

- An affiliated player (AP) is a player who is eligible to play on their own registered team, plus one other team of a higher age division or category
- A player can affiliate for no more than one other team; once they have been rostered as an AP they cannot switch to affiliate for another team in that season

#### **Who can affiliate for a given team?**

- In accordance with OMHA policy, affiliated players can come from either the same age division, lower category or the same category, lower age division
- For example:
  - Pee wee B can AP from Pee wee AE (same age; lower category); or from Atom B (same category, lower age).
  - Pee wee AE cannot AP from Atom B (lower age, higher category)
  - Pee wee AE can AP from Pee wee LL
  - Local League can only AP from LL in division below
  - Pee wee B cannot AP Local League Players
  - A Pee wee B player could also AP for the Pee wee (or Minor Pee wee) Sarnia Junior Sting AAA
- A player must fulfill their obligations to their rostered team before participating as an AP

## AP Paperwork

- To play as an AP in a game, a player must be rostered as an AP for that team.
- An OMHA Offer of Affiliation form must be completed and signed by the following individuals:
  - the coach offering the AP position
  - the coach of the player's registered team
  - the player
  - the player's parent
  - VP Operations or Travel and/or Tri-County Directors
- The player is then added to the affiliating team's roster for approval by the OMHA
- The OMHA deadline for rostering an AP is January 15<sup>th</sup>
- **MTMHA deadline to roster AP players will be November 1<sup>st</sup>**
- These two forms must be given to potential AP player:
  - AP Cover Letter
  - Offer of Affiliation

## Guidelines on offering AP positions

- AP positions provide assistance to teams to fill in for injured or absent players
- AP's are used to fill gaps, not augment line-ups.
- If a coach chooses to roster AP's, there must be a minimum of 2.
- The coach must rotate through these players; Shamrock Rep. would need to track this with game sheets.
- AP players participate in the try-out process
- AP's must be offered affiliation by November 1st.
- Chosen AP's must be the last 2 cuts at minimum made from the team.
- Any extenuating circumstances must be approved through the TC/Travel Coordinator.

## Communication before signing

- Most players are in a position where they are eligible to sign as an AP for more than one option of team (Peewee LL player could AP for Bantam LL, Peewee AE or Peewee BB)
- Before the Executive Member signs an offer of affiliation, he/she will ensure that the player and the player's family understand all options available to them before committing to a specific team
- In the end, the parents and players have the right to choose to affiliate for any eligible team who gives them an offer

### **Participation in games**

- APs are to be used to fill gaps, not to augment lineups
- The primary use of APs is to fill in for absent or injured players
- **A team must be 12 players, or less to call upon an AP Player**
- For games, teams will only be allowed to call up APs to match the number of players listed on their OMHA approved roster sheet. The only exceptions are as follows:
  - A rep team rostering only one goalie is affiliating a backup goalie
  - For tournaments, where a team may wish to augment their bench in case of an injury or suspension

### **Participation in practices**

- Potential APs are permitted to attend practices of a higher division/category team without being signed as an AP

### **Charges for AP participation**

- When an AP participates in a game or practice, they are assisting the team in avoiding a short bench, but they are also receiving additional ice time which is not covered by their registration fees
- A tournament fee will be implemented to the AP based on the entry cost. Such fee will be shown on the team budget.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Congratulations \_\_\_\_\_!

You have been selected by the coaching staff of the Mooretown Minor Hockey  
\_\_\_\_\_ team to receive an **Offer of Affiliation**.

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Please note that the OMHA does not permit players to affiliate with more than one team – once a player has been rostered with an affiliating team, they cannot switch to affiliate with another team for the remainder of the season. Therefore, if you have already received, or will be receiving any other offer(s) of affiliation, please carefully consider your options before signing the attached form.

Should you choose to accept this offer of affiliation, MTMHA wishes you the best of luck in your participation as an AP on this team!